

Amendments to the Claims:

15. (original) A solid formulation of glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof, in an effervescent preparation.

16. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 500-2000 mg glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof in a single dose.

17. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 750-1500 mg glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof in a single dose.

18. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, further comprising a fruit acid for improving storage stability.

19. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.2:1 to 5:1

20. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.2:1 to 2:1

21. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.5:1 to 1:1.

22. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is hydroxlyated.

23. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is an aliphatic carboxylic organic acid

24. (currently amended) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, ~~tarttic~~ tartaric, glutaric, lactic, malic and gluconic acids, ~~and mixtures thereof~~.

25. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid has at least two carboxylic groups.

26. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is citric acid.

27. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is crystalline citric acid.

28. (original) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is anhydrous.

29. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the mixed salt is a glucosamine sulphate hydrochloride.

30. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the mixed salt is a glucosamine sulphate potassium chloride.

31. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, further comprising an anti-oxidant.

32. (original) A formulation according to claim 15, produced by a method comprising steps of

spraying a mixture of glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof and a fruit acid with water in a spray dryer, and then

drying the formulation to a water content of at most 1.5% by weight.

33. (original) A formulation according to claim 32, wherein said water content is at most 0.5% by weight.

34. (original) A formulation according to claim 32, wherein said fruit acid is citric acid.